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SENATE RESOLUTION 165
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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Dionne Peacher, 2002
Valedictorian of Clarksville High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and tireless commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Dionne Peacher is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2002 graduating class at Clarksville High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and unwavering commitment of time and talent, Ms. Peacher has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her exemplary high school career, she has earned an exemplary 4.0 Grade Point Average; and

WHEREAS, Dionne Peacher has been a valuable participant in many organizations and programs at Clarksville High School, including the Interact Service Club, the Junior Classical League, the Math Team, and the Clarksville Environmental Action Society; and

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WHEREAS, a highly regarded leader among her peers, Ms. Peacher has served astutely as the Sophomore Student Council Representative, the Vice President of the Clarksville Environmental Action Society in 2001, and a Member of the Board of Directors of the Interact Service Club from 2000-2002; she has attended both the National Young Leaders Conference and the Tennessee School Boards Association's Student Congress on Policies in Education; and

WHEREAS, Dionne Peacher has demonstrated tremendous athletic ability as a talented soccer player and has been a pivotal member of the Clarksville High School Soccer Team; and

WHEREAS, a skilled pianist, she began playing the piano in 1990 and has served as the Keyboardist for the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Clarksville since November of 1998; and

WHEREAS, this remarkable young woman has participated in the dance program at Clarksville Dance Academy since 1999 and has attended the Duke Talent Identification Summer Residential Program; and

WHEREAS, in addition to being the 2002 Valedictorian of Clarksville High School, Ms. Peacher has received academic recognition as a member of the National Honor Society and has earned the following awards and honors: Advanced Algebra II Award; Chemistry Award; Best Latin I Award; Top Geometry Student; the 1999, 2000, and 2001 Clarksville Montgomery County Education Foundation Academic Award, Excelling in Education Gold Cards for 1999, 2000, and 2001; 2nd place in Derivatives, 2nd place in Reading Comprehension, 2nd place in Level II Certamen, and 4th place in Pentathlon at the 2000 Tennessee JCL, National Latin Exam Gold Medal, Summa Cum Laude for 2000 and 2001, acceptance to the 2001 Tennessee Governor's School for the Humanities and the 2001 Governor's School for the Sciences, 2001 Alternate for Girl's State, A.P. Biology Award, Woodmen of the World American History Award, 1st place in Vocabulary, 2nd place in Derivatives, and 2nd place in Certamen at the 2001 Middle Tennessee JCL, National Merit Scholarship Program 2001 Commended Student, Senior Class Homecoming Attendant, and 2002 Marcelite Welker Faculty Award; she has also been listed in *Who's Who Among American High School Students* for 1999, 2000, and 2001; and

WHEREAS, Dionne Peacher's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition as a student at Clarksville High School surely bodes well for her future success; and

WHEREAS, her noteworthy achievement is a great source of pride for her parents, Jing Fan Peacher and Terry Peacher, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Peacher's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby commend and honor 2002 Clarksville High School Valedictorian, Dionne Peacher, on her impressive academic achievements and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.